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Paul Honored for Pro-Senior Efforts in Congress

Washington, DC- Earlier this week, Congressman Ron Paul was recognized by a national senior citizens organization for his efforts in proposing and supporting "senior friendly" legislation in the 106th Congress. The 60 Plus Association, a non-partisan group with approximately half a million members, publishes an annual scorecard on issues affecting older Americans. At a recent press conference, Association President Jim Martin and Association Chairman Roger Zion announced the members of Congress who have earned the organization's "senior friendly" designation this year. "Senior citizens have no finer friend in Congress than Representative Ron Paul," stated Martin. "Chairman Zion and I thank him and the 106th Congress for its many senior friendly initiatives." Specifically, Congressman Paul was honored for his votes on various bills of particular importance to America's seniors. Paul received high marks for his votes and sponsorship of legislation in the following areas: -Prescription drugs -Elimination of the death tax -Repeal of the Social Security earnings limitation -Protection of the Social Security and Medicare Trust funds -Reduction of the Social Security benefits tax -Increase in the IRA tax-deferred contribution Martin stressed that the 60 Plus Association does not take political sides, but simply wanted to recognize those members of the 106th Congress who advanced senior causes. Paul has introduced or co-sponsored a number of nonpartisan bills relating to issues of special importance to seniors, including "Lockbox" legislation to protect Social Security and Medicare trust funds, legislation to lower the cost of prescription drugs, and legislation to reduce several taxes paid primarily by seniors. "I am pleased to have received this recognition," Paul said. "Our seniors fought World War II and created the freedom and prosperity we enjoy today. We need to honor our commitments to them by protecting Social Security and Medicare from politicians who would spend those funds on other programs. We also need to stop taxing their Social Security benefits- it's outrageous that seniors living on small fixed incomes are taxed again after funding Social Security throughout their working lives. We need to end the subsidies and federal regulations that have driven prescription drug prices through the roof. Finally, we need to end the death tax, so seniors don't lose their farms, small businesses, and savings to the government rather than passing a legacy to their loved ones."

